

## Announcements

View full Saturday and Sunday programs online: [www.aats.org/annualmeeting](http://www.aats.org/annualmeeting).

### Sunday Symposia Legends Luncheon

Renowned cardiothoracic surgeons will share their experiences during the interactive Legends Luncheons on Sunday at each of the Postgraduate Symposia. This is a unique opportunity to hear from the true pioneers in cardiothoracic surgery.

#### Legends Luncheon Speakers

Magdi Yacoub, Imperial College, London

Jean Deslauriers, IUCPQ, Canada

You must be registered for a Sunday Postgraduate Symposia to attend the Legends Luncheons.

### Saturday and Sunday Registration Covers All Courses/Symposium for the Day

When you register for the Saturday course and Sunday symposia, you will be able to attend any of the courses or symposia taking place on that day. You will be asked to select a main course or symposia each day so that you can receive the related syllabi.

### Registration and Housing for the Annual Meeting will open in December.

For more information, please visit [www.aats.org/annual-meeting](http://www.aats.org/annual-meeting).

### 2015 AATS Grant Writing Workshop

March 6, 2015, Bethesda, MD

Organized by the AATS Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee, the 2015 AATS Grant Writing Workshop will take place on **Friday, March 6, 2015**, at the Doubletree Bethesda in Bethesda, MD (9 miles from Washington, DC). This full-day program is designed for all levels of academic cardiothoracic surgeons interested in applying for grants.

The workshop will provide attendees with a better understanding of the complex nature of preparing and submitting grant proposals along with the techniques required to ensure submissions are of the highest quality. Through a didactic session, interactive panel discussions and a mock study session, attendees will work with well-known leaders in cardiothoracic surgery and NIH Staff to achieve the following:

- Create career development and training grants

- Analyze outcomes research and clinical research networks
- Assess the structure and components of a grant
- Identify extramural program and funding opportunities—NCI and NHLBI
- Understand the steps to becoming an NIH investigator

The deadline for registration is **Friday, February 6, 2013**. For additional information on the workshop program, housing, and to register, please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

### 2015 AATS Leadership Academy Applications

Friday, April 24, 2015, Seattle, WA

For current and future CTS Division Chiefs/Department Chairs (*Immediately prior to the AATS Annual Meeting*)

The 2015 AATS Leadership Academy is an intensive, didactic, and interactive program for up to 20 surgeons who have demonstrated significant promise as potential future division chiefs or who have recently assumed the role of division chief. The goal of this program is to provide participants with the administrative, interpersonal, mentoring, and negotiating skills necessary to serve successfully as a division chief while also offering an opportunity to network with well-known thoracic surgical leaders who might subsequently serve as personal mentors after the conclusion of the program.

For additional information regarding the Academy, please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Interested applicants should meet the following qualifications before applying:

- Achieved the rank of Associate Professor
- Active/successful clinical surgeon
- Evidence of local institutional and/or state/regional leadership ability
- Evidence of academic productivity including peer-reviewed publications and presentations at regional or national scientific meetings
- Funded research is preferable but not essential

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) by **November 30, 2014**. Participants will be selected by the Leadership Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2015.

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